

ABSTRACT

(0068) An angled tissue cutting instrument comprises an elongate angled outer tubular member and an elongate flexible inner tubular member rotatably disposed within the outer member to transmit torque to a cutting configuration of the inner member when the inner member is rotated relative to and within the outer member in forward and reverse rotational directions. The inner member comprises an inner tube, a helical cut formed along a length portion of the inner tube to impart flexibility and no more than a single layer of spiral wrap disposed over the helically cut length portion of the inner tube. A method of fabricating an angled tissue cutting instrument involves forming the helical cut in an inner tube having an inner diameter the same size as the inner diameter of the straight inner tubular member of a straight tissue cutting instrument of the same diametric size as the angled tissue cutting instrument.